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1. FOLLOWING HIS EARLIER APPEAL FOR FREE ELECTIONS IN PORTUGAL, WHICH WAS FOLLOWED BY THAT OF SOCIALIST CHANCELLOR KRIESKY (REFTELS), AUSTRIAN PEOPLE'S PARTY (OVP) CHAIRMAN KARL SCHLEINZER TOLD PARTY FELLOWS IN VIENNA ON APRIL 10 THAT OVP WOULD ADVOCATE COMMON ACTION BY EUROPE'S CHRISTIAN DEMOCRATS "TO SAVE PORTUGUESE DEMOCRACY".

2. IN STATEMENT TO PEOPLE'S PARTY FEDERAL EXECUTIVE, SCHLEINZER SAID, "WE MUST NOT WATCH IDLY WHILE DEMOCRACY IN PORTUGAL IS CRUSHED. WE MUST NOT BE INDIFFERENT TO THE DANGER OF RIGHTIST DICTATORSHIP BEING FOLLOWED BY LEFTIST DICTATORSHIP. THE PEOPLE'S PARTY WILL TRY TO MAKE A CONTRIBUTION. WHEN THE UNION OF EUROPEAN CHRISTIAN DEMOCRATS MEETS IN VIENNA APRIL 17-18, THE PEOPLE'S PARTY WILL ADVOCATE ACTION BY THE UNION TO SAVE PORTUGUESE DEMOCRACY". BUCHANAN

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